

**Notice of Determination**

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2002091009

**Project Title:** San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0151-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project includes work areas within both San Juan Creek and East Ditch in the city (and just outside) of San Juan Bautista, San Benito County along State Route 156 between post mile 3.56 and post mile 3.87. The Project Area is within Section 34 of Township 12 South, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

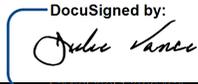
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Amendment No. 1, a major amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) number 1600-2019-0151-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Project Applicant, California Department of Transportation.

The Project involves: 1) construction of a new State Route 156 bridge over San Juan Creek, 2) widening of a segment of the East Ditch, 3) construction of a new Mission Vineyard Road bridge over East Ditch, and 4) installation of a new underground gas pipeline and abandonment of the old gas pipeline across East Ditch, all in association with the larger State Route 156 widening Project occurring between (and beyond) the cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista. The Amendment revises the Project Description to include utility relocation work within the original Project footprint.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 1/11/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report prepared for the larger Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead.

**Signature:**  **Date:** 1/11/2021  
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Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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